STATEMENT

Function of the Air time Committee of India as per clause 6 (i) of the scheme of allotment of time slots on the Metro channels of Doordarshan and FM channels of Air at Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta notified on 30.9.1992

(a) Invite applications by issue of public notice from individuals who should be citizens of India/companies with majority Indian shareholding/partnership firms all of whose partners should be citizens of India for the purpose of allotment of time slots on the television/radio channels.

(b) Issues licence and allocate suitable time slots for the programmes on the channels of AIR/Doordarshan.

(c) Review the programmes telecast/broadcast by the licensees.

(d) Consider, decide and take action for suspension/revocation of licence.

(e) Decide the quality parameters for the programmes on the channels.

(f) Act as the forum for redressal of complaints/grievances in respect of the programmes telecast/broadcast by the licensees under the Scheme.

Publication of Tamil Daily Namadhi-MGR

2604. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 143 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1993 and state:

(a) whether the Tamil Daily Namadhi MGR is still being published from Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the name of the publisher is still the same as mentioned in the above referred answer; and

(c) whether the DAVP has released any advertisement, recently, to this newspaper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The contract period with DAVP for issue of government advertisements to this Daily expired on 30.6.1990 and thereafter the publisher did not apply for renewal of contract till date. Therefore, the paper's present status is not known.

(c) No, Sir.

Eastern India motion pictures association's decision to stop production distribution and ezhibition of films

2605. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Eastern India Motions Pictures Association has decided, recently, to stop the production, distribution and exhibition of films indefinitely with effect from March 5, 1993 in protest against Government's reluctance in combating cable TV and Video piracy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is not in receipt of any such communication from the Eastern India